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A special "THANK YOU" goes to New England producers and agri-businesses who have helped us by completing surveys via mail, telephone or personal interviews. This issue contains the results of monthly and quarterly surveys including the annual Potato Objective Yield Survey, the monthly Potato Price Survey and the October Agricultural Labor Survey.

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POTATOES: Maine's 1999 potato production is estimated at 18.0 million cwt. (hundredweight), 1 percent under 1998 output. The November 1 production forecast placed acres harvested at 63,000 acres, compared with 64,500 acres harvested the previous year. Maine potato growers enjoyed near ideal planting and growing conditions this season. The crop was planted from 1 - 2 weeks early, and warm, dry weather with occasional showers through the summer had growers optimistic for a high quality, high yielding crop. Then, just as harvest was gaining momentum in mid-September, the rains began. Potato harvest was slowed to a crawl as farmers were forced to wait for fields to dry out before they could enter with heavy equipment. Most growers reported acreage left unharvested due to wet rot, and as of November 1, growers were still attempting to harvest the last of their crop. An estimated 2,000 acres were abandoned due to excessive wet conditions at harvest. Potato yields averaged 285 cwt. per acre, compared with 280 cwt. per acre in 1998, and the previous 5-year average of 256 cwt. per acre.

Results from the Potato Objective Yield Survey placed Russet Burbank as the leading variety seeded in Maine, comprising 26.1 percent of the total acres planted. The number two variety planted in Maine in 1999 was Ontario, at 17.5 percent. Shepodies followed at 15.0, with Frito-Lay varieties next at 9.5 percent. Superiors, the number 2 variety grown from 1995 to 1997, dropped to 5th place in 1999, with only 7.8 percent planted. Atlantics averaged 4.7 percent of total planted acreage. All other varieties comprised 3.3 percent or less of the total acreage planted.

Potato farmers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island also took advantage of ideal spring planting conditions, and had the crop seeded from 1 to 2 weeks early. Dry conditions continued throughout the summer, and non-irrigated fields sustained excessive damage. Growers

reported a high-quality, high-yielding crop on irrigated acreage. September rains arrived when harvest was at the halfway point, providing needed rainfall, however too late to improve conditions in most fields. Massachusetts growers harvested 2,900 acres, unchanged from the previous year, with yields averaging 260 cwt. per acre. Rhode Island potato farmers harvested 600 acres, with average yields of 225 cwt. per acre.

MILK COST AND RETURNS:

SOURCE: **Milk Costs and Returns**,

Internet: <http://www.econ.ag.gov/Briefing/fbe/car/milk2.htm>,
September 30, 1999, Economics Research Service (ERS), USDA.
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1997-98 Costs of Production from the Agricultural Resource Mgmt Study

Dairy concentrate expenses dropped 10 percent in 1998 as available supplies increased from a year earlier. In addition, with milk prices reaching record highs, returns over concentrate costs were very high compared with recent years (1997-98 estimates). Consequently, cash returns to dairying in 1998 increased in all six regions (Milk COP Regions). After showing negative cash returns in 1997, the Corn Belt and Northeast regions posted cash returns of \$3.00 and \$1.99 per cwt of milk sold in 1998, respectively. At the U.S. level, cash returns increased from only 65 cents per cwt of milk sold in 1997 to \$3.42 in 1998. These improved returns should spur expanding producers to pick up the pace.

FARM LABOR: For quarterly farm labor statistics, the Northeast region consists of the six New England states and New York. During the survey week of October 10 - 16 1999, there were 44,000 hired workers on farms in the Northeast; this is two percent more than a year ago when there were 43,000 workers across the region. There were 989 thousand hired workers on the nation's farms during the survey week compared with 983 thousand during the October survey week last year. Hired workers in the Northeast region earned \$8.43 per hour and worked an average of 39.7 hours during the reference week in October 1999. Across the United States, hired workers were paid \$7.83 per hour and worked an average of 42.5 hours during the reference week.

Although quarterly statistics are available for the

combined seven northeastern states, annual averages are available just for New England. In 1999, the New England agricultural workforce averaged 19,000 hired workers, 26,300 self-employed and 8,000 unpaid workers. The region's average wage rates increased six percent from \$8.22 in 1998 to \$8.68 in 1999 for all hired workers, including supervisors. Average wage rates in 1999 were \$8.36 for field workers. Lower wages for livestock workers lowered the average to \$8.06 when combining field and livestock workers for 1999, excluding supervisors.

MILK PRODUCTION: Milk production in Vermont totaled 223 million pounds for October 1999, up one percent from October 1998. The daily production per cow was 45 pounds per day, up slightly from the previous year. Milk

cows on Vermont farms during October averaged 160,000, the same as this time last year.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service over the past few weeks. All national reports and state-level newsletters are available on the Internet.

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FALL POTATOES: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1998 - 1999

STATE	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
California	10.3	9.0	10.3	9.0	360	445	3,708	4,005
Colorado	75.8	77.2	75.7	77.0	335	345	25,360	26,565
Idaho	410.0	400.0	408.0	398.0	338	339	138,000	134,980
Maine	65.5	65.0	64.5	63.0	280	285	18,060	17,955
Massachusetts	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	235	260	682	754
Michigan	47.0	48.0	46.5	47.5	315	310	14,648	14,725
Minnesota	82.0	70.0	73.0	60.0	290	340	21,170	20,400
Montana	10.6	11.0	10.6	10.9	300	295	3,180	3,216
Nebraska	22.0	21.6	21.8	21.2	375	420	8,175	8,904
New York	27.6	26.0	27.0	25.5	270	265	7,290	6,758
North Dakota	126.0	121.0	122.0	112.0	235	240	28,670	26,880
Ohio	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.7	250	210	1,200	987
Oregon	59.0	56.0	58.0	55.5	452	509	26,229	28,230
Pennsylvania	14.5	14.5	14.0	14.0	240	220	3,360	3,080
Rhode Island	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	210	225	147	135
Washington	165.0	170.0	165.0	170.0	565	560	93,225	95,200
Wisconsin	84.5	86.0	83.5	85.0	370	410	30,895	34,850
All Other Fall States	26.6	24.3	25.7	23.9	340	334	8,738	7,977
U.S. Fall Crop	1,235.1	1,207.9	1,214.0	1,180.7	356	369	432,737	435,601

SOURCE: **Crop Production**, 8:30 am, November 10, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.
Potatoes, 3:00 pm, September 22, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1994 - 1999 Crop Years

CROP YEAR	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average										
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Market Year Average
	Dollars Per Cwt										
1994	5.65	4.85	5.25	5.70	6.00	6.20	6.25	6.60	6.70	6.15	6.10
1995	5.55	5.25	5.85	6.25	6.25	6.30	6.30	6.60	6.85	7.05	6.40
1996	5.20	4.70	4.90	4.35	4.35	4.65	4.50	4.75	5.05	4.55	4.60
1997	8.10	5.65	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.10	6.35	6.55	6.95	6.75	6.40
1998	6.25	5.40	5.70	5.85	5.90	6.15	6.45	6.90	7.45	7.05	6.45
1999 ^{2/}	5.90	5.30	5.65								

^{1/} Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed and feed ^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 pm, October 29, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MILK PRODUCTION: CASH COSTS AND RETURNS, BY REGION, 1997-1998

Item	United States		IA, MO, OH		NY, PA, VT		AZ, CA, WA		FL, GA		TX		MI, MN, WI	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	Dollars per Cwt													
Gross value of production:														
Milk	13.43	15.51	13.46	15.39	13.74	15.63	12.77	15.07	15.87	17.63	13.70	15.70	13.32	15.48
Cattle	0.85	0.83	1.06	1.04	0.75	0.73	0.63	0.61	0.95	0.92	0.85	0.84	0.97	0.94
Other income ^{1/}	0.59	0.55	0.50	0.47	0.46	0.43	0.56	0.56	0.52	0.51	0.38	0.36	0.75	0.68
Total, Gross Value of Production	14.87	16.89	15.02	16.90	14.95	16.79	13.96	16.24	17.34	19.06	14.93	16.90	15.04	17.10
Cash Expenses:														
Feed--														
Concentrates	4.42	4.00	4.98	4.41	4.42	4.07	3.17	2.94	6.81	5.79	5.95	5.50	4.53	4.07
By-products	0.23	0.23	0.30	0.28	0.04	0.04	0.48	0.47	0.50	0.50	0.19	0.19	0.12	0.13
Liquid Whey	0.13	0.14	0.25	0.26	0.14	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.17	0.18
Hay	1.82	1.60	2.07	1.64	1.68	1.48	2.71	2.34	0.65	0.77	2.02	2.56	1.36	1.14
Silage	1.68	1.43	1.73	1.28	2.26	2.03	1.10	0.95	0.93	1.09	0.10	0.13	1.99	1.67
Pasture and other forage	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.03	0.03	0.20	0.12	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.14
Total Feed Costs	8.40	7.51	9.46	8.00	8.57	7.80	7.71	6.87	9.01	8.26	8.35	8.49	8.29	7.33
Other--														
Hauling	0.45	0.45	0.42	0.45	0.69	0.69	0.39	0.38	0.89	0.95	0.54	0.53	0.29	0.29
Artificial insemination	0.15	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.20	0.20	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.18	0.17
Veterinary and medicine	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.41	0.45	0.44	0.20	0.20	0.45	0.49	0.18	0.17	0.50	0.49
Bedding and litter	0.25	0.25	0.31	0.32	0.35	0.38	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.34
Marketing	0.37	0.37	0.30	0.31	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.49	0.52	0.24	0.24	0.29	0.29
Custom services and supplies	0.43	0.43	0.37	0.39	0.55	0.55	0.41	0.39	0.60	0.64	0.29	0.28	0.39	0.39
Fuel, lube, and electricity	0.53	0.49	0.56	0.52	0.69	0.65	0.29	0.26	0.34	0.31	0.48	0.44	0.61	0.56
Machinery and building repairs	0.83	0.85	0.96	0.99	0.99	1.01	0.31	0.32	0.64	0.67	0.45	0.47	1.09	1.13
Hired labor	0.59	0.57	0.58	0.54	0.58	0.57	0.54	0.52	1.31	1.27	0.76	0.72	0.53	0.50
DHIA fees	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08
Dairy assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, Variable Cash Expenses	12.47	11.54	13.54	12.12	13.63	12.84	10.54	9.61	13.89	13.28	11.37	11.42	12.60	11.57
General Farm Overhead	0.60	0.62	0.64	0.66	0.60	0.61	0.38	0.39	0.72	0.74	0.51	0.53	0.73	0.75
Taxes and insurance	0.32	0.36	0.30	0.33	0.43	0.48	0.13	0.14	0.35	0.40	0.16	0.18	0.42	0.46
Interest	0.83	0.95	0.69	0.79	0.76	0.87	0.62	0.71	0.59	0.67	0.59	0.67	1.13	1.29
Total, Fixed Cash Expenses	1.75	1.93	1.63	1.78	1.79	1.96	1.13	1.24	1.66	1.81	1.26	1.38	2.28	2.50
TOTAL, CASH EXPENSES	14.22	13.47	15.17	13.90	15.42	14.80	11.67	10.85	15.55	15.09	12.63	12.80	14.88	14.07
Gross Value of Production	0.65	3.42	-0.15	3.00	-0.47	1.99	2.29	5.39	1.79	3.97	2.30	4.10	0.16	3.03
Less Cash Expenses														

^{1/} Includes the dairy's share of receipts from cooperative patronage dividends, assessment refunds, renting or leasing of dairy animals, the estimated value of manure as a fertilizer, and insurance indemnity payments.

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MILK PRODUCTION: ECONOMIC COSTS AND RETURNS, BY REGION, 1997-1998

Item	United States		IA, MO, OH		NY, PA, VT		AZ, CA, WA		FL, GA		TX		MI, MN, WI	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	Dollars per Cwt													
Gross value of production:														
Milk	13.43	15.51	13.46	15.39	13.74	15.63	12.77	15.07	15.87	17.63	13.70	15.70	13.32	15.48
Cattle	0.85	0.83	1.06	1.04	0.75	0.73	0.63	0.61	0.95	0.92	0.85	0.84	0.97	0.94
Other income ^{1/}	0.59	0.55	0.50	0.47	0.46	0.43	0.56	0.56	0.52	0.51	0.38	0.36	0.75	0.68
Total, Gross Value of Production	14.87	16.89	15.02	16.90	14.95	16.79	13.96	16.24	17.34	19.06	14.93	16.90	15.04	17.10
Economic (Full Ownership) Costs:														
Variable cash expenses	12.47	11.54	13.54	12.12	13.63	12.84	10.54	9.61	13.89	13.28	11.37	11.42	12.60	11.57
General farm overhead	0.60	0.62	0.64	0.66	0.60	0.61	0.38	0.39	0.72	0.74	0.51	0.53	0.73	0.75
Taxes and insurance	0.32	0.36	0.30	0.33	0.43	0.48	0.13	0.14	0.35	0.40	0.16	0.18	0.42	0.46
Capital replacement	2.15	2.10	2.24	2.21	2.14	2.07	1.48	1.34	2.59	2.51	2.13	1.99	2.50	2.53
Operating capital	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10
Other nonland capital	0.99	0.87	0.98	0.87	0.94	0.82	0.69	0.56	1.68	1.47	0.94	0.79	1.12	1.03
Land	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Unpaid labor	1.73	1.65	2.84	2.68	2.44	2.38	0.44	0.43	0.31	0.31	0.88	0.83	2.04	1.95
Total, Economic Costs	18.37	17.25	20.66	18.98	20.30	19.31	13.76	12.56	19.65	18.83	16.09	15.84	19.52	18.40
Residual Returns to Mgmt and Risk	-3.50	-0.36	-5.64	-2.08	-5.35	-2.52	0.20	3.68	-2.31	0.23	-1.16	1.06	-4.48	-1.30

^{1/} Includes the dairy's share of receipts from cooperative patronage dividends, assessment refunds, renting or leasing of dairy animals, the estimated value of manure as a fertilizer, and insurance indemnity payments.

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**QUARTERLY FARM LABOR ^{1/}: Hired ^{2/} Workers on Farms and Hours Worked per Week
Northeast and U.S., October 1999 with Comparisons**

REGION	Hired Workers on Farms			Hours Worked During the Week		
	October 11 - 17 1998	July 11 - 17 1999	October 10 - 16 1999	October 11 - 17 1998	July 11 - 17 1999	October 10 - 16 1999
	1,000 Workers			Hours Per Week		
NORTHEAST ^{3/}	43	48	44	39.6	36.9	39.7
U.S. ^{4/}	983	1,155	989	42.7	40.5	42.5

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers^{2/} Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory and other workers.^{3/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI and VT^{4/} United States excludes AlaskaSOURCE: **Farm Labor**, 3:00 pm, November 19, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR ^{1/}: Wage Rates for Hired Workers, Northeast and U.S., October 1999 with Comparisons

NORTHEAST ^{2/}	October 11 - 17 1998	July 11 - 17 1999	October 10 - 16 1999	UNITED STATES ^{3/}	October 11 - 17 1998	July 12 - 18 1998	October 10 - 16 1999
	Dollars Per Hour				Dollars Per Hour		
All Hired Workers ^{4/}	7.82	7.86	8.43	All Hired Workers ^{4/}	7.60	7.58	7.83
Field	7.52	7.87	8.21	Field	7.15	7.05	7.31
Livestock	6.90	6.69	7.58	Livestock	7.28	7.22	7.43
Field & Livestock	7.32	7.47	7.99	Field & Livestock	7.17	7.08	7.33

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**ANNUAL FARM LABOR: ^{1/} Workers on Farms, Hours Worked per Week for Hired Workers and Wage Rates
by Type of Worker, Annual Average, New England and Northeast, 1998 - 1999**

REGION	Number of Workers on Farms, Annual Average						Hours Worked During the Week, Annual Avg ^{2/}		Wage Rates by Type of Hired Worker ^{3/} , Annual Average					
	Self-Employed		Unpaid		Hired ^{3/}		Hired Workers ^{3/}		All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Workers						Hours Per Week		Dollars Per Hour ^{4/}					
New England ^{5/}	25.8	26.3	7.5	8.0	19.5	19.0	38.1	37.3	8.22	8.68	8.08	8.36	7.46	8.06
New York	31.0	26.5	13.0	7.0	20.5	21.5	39.7	38.7	7.10	7.80	7.25	7.87	6.93	7.49
Northeast ^{6/}	56.8	52.8	20.5	15.0	40.0	40.5	38.9	38.0	7.63	8.12	7.65	8.08	7.18	7.68
U.S. ^{7/}	1,486.1	1,558.4	460.5	490.0	879.5	929.0	40.3	40.3	7.47	7.77	6.97	7.19	6.98	7.22

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers^{2/} New England hours worked derived from New York and Northeast published data.^{3/} Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory and other workers.^{4/} Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by data collected in January, April, July, and October.SOURCE: **Farm Labor**, 3:00 pm, November 19, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.^{5/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI and VT^{6/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI and VT^{7/} United States excludes Alaska

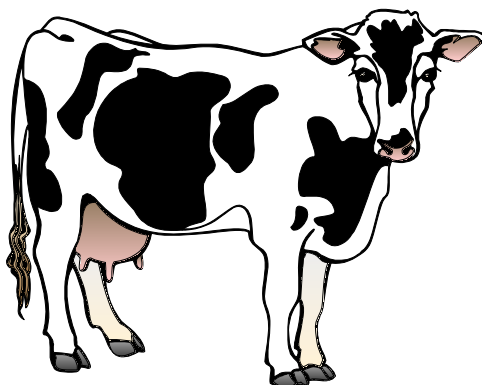
TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1998 - 1999

CROP & STATE	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1998	1999 Forecast as of Nov 1	1998	1999 Forecast as of Nov 1	1998	1999 Forecast as of Nov 1
	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
Broadleaf (Type 51):						
Connecticut	1,435	1,460	1,600	1,800	2,296	2,628
Massachusetts	925	870	1,445	1,815	1,337	1,579
CT & MA Total	2,360	2,330	1,539	1,806	3,633	4,207
Shade (Type 61):						
Connecticut	1,380	1,520	1,435	1,525	1,980	2,318
Massachusetts	340	350	1,325	1,500	451	525
CT & MA Total	1,720	1,870	1,413	1,520	2,431	2,843
U.S. (All Types)	717,655	649,140	2,061	1,956	1,479,179	1,269,775

SOURCE: **Crop Production**, 8:30 am, November 10, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, October 1999 with comparisons

STATE	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	October 1998	September 1999	October 1999	October 1998	September 1999	October 1999	October 1998	September 1999	October 1999
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	160	161	160	1,380	1,380	1,395	221	222	223
New York	702	702	702	1,380	1,380	1,420	969	969	997
Pennsylvania	621	616	617	1,415	1,415	1,450	879	872	895
U.S. ^{2/}	7,695	7,753	7,752	1,446	1,444	1,496	11,125	11,198	11,598

^{1/} Average number for the month, including dry cows^{2/} U.S. includes only 20 major states: AZ CA FL ID IL IN IA KY MI MN MO NM NY OH PA TX VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 pm, November 15, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MONTHLY MILK: Average Price Received and Fat Test, October 1999 with comparisons**

STATE	All Milk Price ^{1/}			Fat Test		
	October 1998	September 1999	October 1999 ^{2/}	October 1998	September 1999	October 1999 ^{2/}
	Dollars Per Cwt			Percent		
Connecticut	18.00	16.30	16.40	3.67	3.54	3.70
Maine	17.80	16.10	16.10	3.78	3.66	3.75
Massachusetts	18.30	16.60	16.50	3.73	3.64	3.70
New Hampshire	18.30	16.50	16.50	3.79	3.68	3.79
Rhode Island	18.00	16.40	16.40	3.66	3.52	3.62
Vermont	17.90	16.20	16.40	3.72	3.63	3.73
NEW ENGLAND	17.96	16.26	16.38	3.73	3.63	3.73
U.S. ^{3/}	17.80	15.80	15.50	3.71	3.61	3.72

^{1/} Before deductions for hauling and government withholding. Includes bulk-tanks, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ^{2/} Most recent monthly price and butterfat test are preliminary mid-month forecasts.^{3/} U.S. includes only 35 major states: AL AZ AR CA CO FL GA ID IL IN IA KS KY LA MD MI MN MS MO NE NM NY NC ND OH OK OR PA TN TX UT VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 pm, October 29, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, September 1999 with comparisons**

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, September 1999 (Pounds and Gallons)					
PRODUCT	September 1998	August 1999	September 1999	September 1999 as percent of:	
				September 1998	August 1999
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	2,497	1,025	2,901	116	283
American Cheese ^{1/}	3,672	4,935	3,744	102	76
Mozzarella Cheese	3,066	5,421	4,184	136	77
Other Italian Cheese ^{2/}	551	509	1,673	304	329
Cottage Cheese ^{3/}	581	590	562	97	95
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	6,503	8,508	6,045	93	71
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	566	735	431	76	59
Milk Sherbet, Hard	203	385	249	123	65

^{1/} American Type Cheese includes cheddars, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey and Jack.^{2/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella. ^{3/} Creamed and lowfatSOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: **Dairy Products**, 3:00 pm, November 4, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, September, 1998 - 1999

STATE	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ^{1/}		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ^{1/}		Egg Production from All Layers ^{1/}	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,734	2,863	2,897	3,039	2,278	2,205	66	67
Maine	4,620	4,551	4,755	4,670	2,376	2,313	113	108
U.S.	248,395	257,946	311,278	322,245	2,082	2,126	6,480	6,850

^{1/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: **Chickens & Eggs**, 3:00 pm, October 22, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Hatchery Production, September, 1998 - 1999

REGION	Broiler-Type Chicks				Egg-Type Chicks			
	Hatched during Sep		Hatched Jan - Sep		Hatched during Sep		Hatched Jan - Sep	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Birds							
NEW ENGLAND	802	506	7,758	5,730	764	687	6,822	6,659
U.S.	695,281	699,664	6,386,061	6,588,678	37,943	38,841	336,760	344,391

SOURCE: **Chickens & Eggs**, 3:00 pm, October 22, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

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